

Subject: H.B. No. 5044: An Act Making Adjustments To State Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

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Senator Bye, Representative Walker and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee, my name is Algute M Virbickas

I would like to share my concerns with House Bill 5044: An Act Making Adjustments To State Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

Our multiply handicapped son has been with DATAHR--now Ability and Beyond--since he graduated from Danbury H.S. in 1985. He lives with us (parents) and has a semblance of a "normal" life by going to AB programs and working in a sheltered work shop. (Belimo in Danbury CT). We are able to keep him in our home because of the services provided by AB.

The overall cost to the State would be greatly increased if AB would have to eliminate its services for the handicapped because of Gov. Malloy's cuts. We would be forced to place our multiply handicapped son, Vidas Virbickas, in a Group Home because we would not be able to care for him on a 24/7 basis.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, or for additional information.

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